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SPANISH VIEWS ON CSCE

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SUMMARY: IN VISIT TO MADRID JULY 3-4, 1975, MALTESE
PREMIER MINTOFF TALKED WITH HIGHEST GOVT LEADERS ABOUT
BILATERAL RELATIONS, MEDITERRANEAN ISSUES, AND CSCE.
ACCORDING TO MFA, GOS, WHILE IT APPROVES NECESSITY OF
INVOLVING MED COUNTRIES IN CSCE AND IN FOLLOW-UP, IS
UNWILLING TO SUPPORT MALTESE PROPOSAL FOR MONITORING
COMMISSION ON SECURITY IN MED OR INCLUSION OF PERSIAN
GULF STATES. GOS, WHICH WANTS TO TIE U.S. INTO FOLLOW-UP
ARRANGEMENTS ON CSCE, PREFERS PERIODIC FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS
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ON ANNUAL BASIS AS WITH UN. AT SAME TIME, GOS WANTS TO

INSURE THAT IT IS NOT TOO FAR APART FROM BASIC LINE ADOPTED
BY EC NINE AND U.S. ON FINAL CSCE DOCUMENTS. END
SUMMARY.

1. MALTESE PREMIER MINTOFF WAS RECEIVED BY PREMIER ARIAS
NAVARRO AND FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD VICE PRESIDENTS AS
WELL AS FONMIN CORTINA DURING BRIEF VISIT JULY 3-4, 1975
TO MADRID. ALTHOUGH SPANISH OFFICIALS MADE NO PUBLIC
COMMENT, MINTOFF IN ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INTERVIEWS WITH
PRESS SAID VISIT FOCUSED ON BILATERAL RELATIONS, MED
ISSUES AND CSCE. ASKED IF MALTA HAD ANY ROLE TO PLAY IN
SPAIN'S PROBLEMS WITH MOROCCO, MINTOFF REPLIED THAT
BECAUSE OF MALTA'S "SPECIAL POSITION" IT WOULD TRY TO HELP
SPAIN AND MOROCCO TO REACH A FRIENDLY SOLUTION. WITH
RESPECT TO CSCE MINTOFF TOLD PRESS THAT HE HAD REACHED
"VERY SIMILAR POSITIONS...IN FACT ALMOST IDENTICAL VIEWS"
WITH HIS SPANISH INTERLOCUTORS.

2. MFA DIRGEN FOR EUROPE AGUIRRE DE CARCER, WHO HAS BEEN
RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING SPAIN'S POSITION ON CSCE, TOLD
EMBOFF JULY 7 THAT MINTOFF STATEMENT ON NEAR IDENTITY
IN VIEWS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES WAS INCORRECT. MUCH AS
SPAIN SHARED MANY OF MALTA'S CONCERNS FOR IMPORTANCE OF
MED ISSUES IN CSCE CONTEXT, GOS WAS UNWILLING TO SUPPORT
MINTOFF'S PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE SOME OF THE PERSIAN
GULF STATES IN THE FINAL MED DECLARATION OR TO INSIST ON
THE PROVISION FOR A FUTURE MONITORING COMMITTEE ON
SECURITY IN MED.

3. MFA OFFICIAL SAID THAT GOS WOULD SEEK TO HAVE ITS
FINAL POSITION ON CSCE MORE OR LESS IN LINE WITH EC NINE
AND U.S. ALTHOUGH IT WOULD ACCENTUATE CERTAIN AREAS OF
MORE IMMEDIATE CONCERN TO SPAIN, E.G., MED, NORTH/SOUTH
ISSUES WITH RESPECT TO TOURISM AND LABOR. AGUIRRE SAID
GOS HAD BELIEVED FROM START OF CSCE THAT IT OFFERED
OPPORTUNITY TO SPAIN TO PARTICIPATE IN EUROPEAN FORUM,
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, A MEANS FOR GUARANTEEING CONTINUED
U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN EUROPE. MOREOVER, GOS BELIEVED
THAT FOLLOW-UP ARRANGEMENTS COULD NOT BE LEFT UP TO A
SINGLE MEETING BASED ON CONSENSUS ARRANGEMENTS IN 1977.
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IN MFA'S VIEW, THERE WERE SIMPLY TOO MANY IMPORTANT
DEVELOPMENTS IN AN 18-MONTH PERIOD, IT WAS PREFERABLE,
THEREFORE, THAT CSCE FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS BE HELD ON SAME
BASIS AS IN THE UN, NAMELY ANNUALLY.

4. AGUIRRE ASKED EMBOFF FOR U.S. EVALUATION OF CSCE,
PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO ITS LINKAGE WITH
RELAXATION OF TENSIONS IN EUROPE. EMBOFF PROMISED TO

DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER ON BASIS OF AVAILABLE BACKGROUND
INFO AT FUTURE MEETING.
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